

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the following matter in the specification after the title and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

~~--FIELD OF THE INVENTION~~

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/900,229, filed July 6, 2001, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/093,131, filed June 8, 1998, which claims the benefit of the disclosure of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/049,045, filed on June 10, 1997, and 60/054,455, filed on August 5, 1997. The disclosure of U.S. Serial No. 09/093,131, filed June 8, 1998, is incorporated herein ~~it~~ in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to viscoelastic fluids which contain a surfactant and to methods of suspending particles using such viscoelastic fluids.--